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1. CON GEN HAS CAREFULLY EVALUATED POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES OF AN ALARM SYSTEM BETWEEN OFFICE AND POLICE STATION AND CONCLUDES THE SYSTEM WOULD BE OF LITTLE VALUE OTHER THAN TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF CONTACTING THE POLICE. PRESENTLY WE USE THE TELEPHONE BY DIALING 110 (STANDARD EMERGENCY NUMBER) WHICH SEEMS QUITE EFFECTIVE. LOCAL POLICE NOT USING ALARM SYSTEM FAMILIAR TO LARGE MODERN POLICE STATIONS. TO INSTALL MODERN ELECTRONIC ALARM DEVICES AS USED BY OUR MILITARY POLICE (ON MILITARY

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INSTALLATIONS) IN OKINAWA WOULD CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR LOCAL POLICE. POSSIBILITY OF INSTALLING ALARM PANEL IN U.S. MILITARY POLICE STATION HAS BEEN RULED OUT IN VIEW POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

2. THERE ARE NO ALARM SYSTEMS CONNECTING U.S. MILITARY BASES WITH LOCAL POLICE. AMERICAN BANK AND BUSINESSES CONTACTED HAVE NO ALARM CONNECTIONS, WHILE OKINAWAN BANK HAS RUDIMENTARY WIRED BUZZER CONNECTION WITH POLICE STATION DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET. THIS TYPE OF ARRANGEMENT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE, AS WE ARE SEVERAL MILES FROM NEAREST
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STATION.

3. IN VIEW OF ALL FACTORS CON GEN BELIEVES INSTALLATION OF
ALARM SYSTEM CONNECTED WITH POLICE STATION IS NOT, AT THIS
TIME, A SECURITY REQUIREMENT.

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